



A NEW DIRECTION

TWO WEEKS OF REMARKABLE PROGRESS

- ★ Today, we joined the Senate by passing a **historic Energy Independence initiative**—that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and create new American jobs. The efficiency measures alone will have the carbon reduction effect of taking every car in America off the road by 2030.
- ★ Today, we sent the President a **crucial Innovation Agenda** in math and science and basic research to restore our ability to compete in a global economy.
- ★ Yesterday, the President signed our 9-11 Commission bill into law—a **sweeping new security bill to protect America from terrorism**—such as requiring 100 percent airline cargo screening, screening of seaborne cargo before it gets to the U.S., and improved communications between first responders.
- ★ A **sweeping and historic Lobby and Ethics Reform** is also headed to the President. The reform groups have hailed it as a “sweeping, fundamental” and “landmark” reform and a “sea change for citizens.”
- ★ The House and Senate have passed SCHIP bills protecting **health care for 6 million children, and providing for millions more uninsured children** to be enrolled.
- ★ Last Tuesday, we celebrated the **first minimum wage increase in a decade** taking effect.
- ★ In the House, we have passed the **11 of 12 of our fiscally responsible spending bills with bipartisan votes** restoring pay-as-you-go, deficit reduction discipline.
- ★ In the House, we passed a **Farm Bill** that’s an historic step to reform.
- ★ We are one Senate action away from sending the President a **major flood control and waterway infrastructure restoration bill**, including help for New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.